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Miss Clare Short MP
House of Commons

Dear Miss Short,

I should like you to know that I and the Islamic Council fully support the courageous stand you have taken in insisting on your right to make public statements in accordance with your views and principles concerning the war in the Gulf. This has led to the loss of your position as frontbench Opposition spokesman on social security, a position which I am sure you valued highly, and have sacrificed for your beliefs.

The Islamic Council has always called for and worked for a negotiated, peaceful settlement to this tragic crisis. Now we pray that a position can be reached quickly to limit the terrible loss of life, and such tragedies as occurred when hundreds of innocent civilians were killed when the air raid shelter was hit.

Your outspoken comments can only, in my opinion, advance the cause of peace and I heartily commend you for them.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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